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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97 to inform the Patent Office of all references coming to the attention of each individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application, which are or may be material to the patentability of any claim of the application, Attorneys for Applicants hereby invite the Examiner's attention to references BL-BM listed on the attached revised form PTO 1449 entitled "List of References Cited by Applicant." A copy of each of references BL-BM is submitted herewith.

Identification of the listed reference is not meant to be construed as an admission of Applicants or Attorneys for Applicants that such references are available as "prior art" against the subject application. Consequently, Applicants respectfully decline to use form PTO-1449, since this form identifies all of the references cited therein as "Prior

Art.” As an alternative, Applicants submit herewith a “revised form PTO 1449” entitled “List of References Cited” instead of “List of Prior Art Cited”.

Applicants request that the Examiner review all the references identified on the attached revised PTO Form 1449 and make them of record in the file history of the above-identified application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), since this Information Disclosure Statement is filed concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, no fee is due in connection herewith. However, should the Patent Office determine otherwise, please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP deposit account no. 16-1150; a duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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